

JANUARY 28, 1817.

Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole House on Saturday next.

A Bill

For the relief of John Bate.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 in the settlement of the account of John Bate, arising under
4 a lease from the United States, of the public salt works in the
5 Ohio, bearing date the tenth day of March, one thousand eight
6 hundred and thirteen, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and
7 he hereby is authorized to make such reduction in the rent
8 stipulated to be paid by the said John Bate as shall appear to
9 be just and equitable on account of any deterioration in the
10 quality, or diminution in the quantity, of the water of the said
11 saline, which may be proved to his satisfaction; and that he
12 also be allowed for any loss sustained in the said salt works
13 by the extraordinary inundation of the river Ohio in the
14 months of April and May, one thousand eight hundred and

15 thirteen, which he shall establish to the satisfaction of the said
16 Secretary of the Treasury.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said John Bate
2 shall be allowed for the permanent improvements which he has
3 made in the said salt works, according to the condition con-
4 tained in the said lease, notwithstanding the approbation of the
5 Secretary of the Treasury may not have been obtained in con-
6 formity with the provisions of the said lease.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said John Bate,
2 within days after the settlement herein provided
3 for shall have been made, shall pay into the Treasury of the
4 United States the sum found to be due by him, and on failure
5 thereof the penalties contained in the said lease shall be con-
6 sidered valid in law; and the measures necessary for the reco-
7 very of the same shall be immediately resorted to by the comp-
8 troller of the Treasury.